



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Antonin A. Meibock

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Examiner: J.T. Kavanaugh

Title: APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR SECURING A FOOT IN FOOTWEAR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 10, 2005, Applicant elects Species I for prosecution on the merits. With regard to the Force Distribution Member heading, Applicant elects Species III. With regard to the Fastener heading, Applicant elects Species V.

With regard to Species I, Applicant has determined that all Claims 1-80 read on this Species. With regard to Species III, Applicant has determined that Claims 1-16, 18, 22-35, 37, 41-61, 63, and 67-79 read on this Species. With regard to Species V, Applicant has determined that Claims 1-25, 27-43, 46-69, and 72-80 read on this Species.

If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

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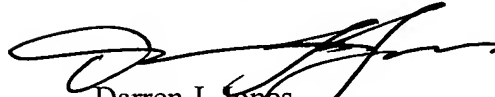
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